MEMBER: A personal visit of Your Excellency to the place where the Municipal Council is being held will convince you of the need for a building, and I am sure that, if only you make a visit, you will not consider it safe for us to hold our meetings there.

DEWAN: Will it be safe for me to do that? I cannot promise an immediate visit.

MEMBER: You may do it conveniently.

DEWAN: You ask for disbursing the grant this year. Subject to a reduction, for which there is special reason, it will be disbursed in the usual course.

All that you say in connection with the new Bill is noted. As soon as the draft Bill is examined, it will be submitted for legislative sanction.

66. Certain needs of municipalities.

MR. K. G. MAMMAN (*Municipal Council, Kayankulam*) represented the need for transferring all *poramboke* lands, including road *porambokes*, within municipal limits, to the respective Municipal Councils. The *porambokes* were under the control of either the Revenue or the Public Works Department. But the Municipalities had to deal with these lands and the absence of control over these lands led to many inconveniences. The member cited some instances and said that at the All-Travancore Municipal Conference held at Nagercoil in 1105, it was resolved that the Government be requested to transfer the control over the *poramboke* lands within municipal limits to the Municipal Councils. He requested that the Government should bestow their early attention on the matter and do the needful.

Another point urged on the attention of the Government was about the necessity of appointing a separate auditor for the Municipalities in the State. The existing system of auditing the accounts was not satisfactory. In British India, the Taluk Boards had a separate auditor. The same system could be adopted here also with advantage.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Mamman, all these matters will be considered in drafting the new Municipal Bill.

67. Grant of permission to the Haripad Municipal Council to levy tolls.

MR. A. C. RAJA RAJA VARAMA KOILTAMPURAN (*Municipal Council, Haripad*) said that the financial condition of the Haripad Municipality was quite poor. The total income of the Municipality came to only a little over Rs. 2,500 a year, including the Government grant of Rs. 500. The major portion of the revenue was collected under house-tax. The Municipality had not sufficient funds even for its immediate necessities, not to speak of the various improvements it had to effect for the welfare of the people. The citizens of Haripad had been agitating for the abolition of the Municipality owing to the heavy burden of taxation imposed by the Municipal Council. There was, however, one method by which the finances of the

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